

12 January 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 12 January 1965

There was a current intelligence briefing.

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Colonel Ledford displayed a map of the U-2 lost near [redacted] 25X1 and stated that NPIC has now identified two SAM sites in the area. There was an extended discussion of the timing of the flight and NPIC's role in searching the route for SAM sites. DCI directed a stand-down on all TACKLE operations pending a complete review of this incident and procedures for scheduling and launching flights.

There was also a discussion of a statement in the President's Intelligence Brief concerning this incident. A correction is to be issued.

Houston noted that staff reactions to the briefing of Senator Russell and his committees was favorable. John Warner will accompany the DCI to see Representative Rivers today. Houston was advised to have Chamberlain or another senior official to follow up with Senator Thurmond on his query about high-altitude Soviet tests. Houston will continue to try to gain custody of the transcript. He was advised to watch carefully for leaks. He was also requested to prepare brief summaries of the forthcoming Presidential special messages to Congress for the information of senior officials in the Agency.

Chretien noted a CBS program on Vietnam. There was a discussion of the situation in Vietnam and the attitude of the senators who attended the briefing yesterday.

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Kent pointed out that the [redacted] advanced-weapons estimate was scheduled for consideration on 27 January. It was noted that the [redacted] photography is due to arrive in Washington tonight.

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DDCI gave the DCI a memo on Soviet missile penetration aids.

DCI asked that DDCI, DDI, and DDP read his memorandum of conversation with Secretary Rusk.

There was a discussion of the figure of [redacted] troops recently estimated to be in [redacted]

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